

³⁵/₆₀. (new) The tyre of claim 55, wherein an amount of white filler in the second reinforcing filler is at least 20%-by-weight greater than an amount of white filler in the first reinforcing filler.

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³⁶/₆₁. (new) The tyre of claim 55, wherein the at least first and second portions each pass through an entire radial thickness of the tread band.

³⁷/₆₂. (new) The tyre of claim 55, wherein the at least first and second portions are not radially-contiguous portions.

REMARKS

In this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, Applicants cancel, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 27-46, and add new claims 47-62, which include the same subject matter as the original claims, to improve clarity. The originally-filed specification, claims, abstract, and drawings fully support the addition of new claims 47-62. No new matter was introduced.

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